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SHREVEPORT

LSUS not likely to close

By LILY DIZON
Editor

Acting Chancellor Wilfred Guerin feels sure that LSUS will not be one of the state institutions to be closed due to the failure of Gov. Roemer's tax proposal, he said.

However, on the subject of steps LSUS must take to adjust to budget cuts, "mum's the word," for Guerin and other administrators, either because they "don't know" or else they "do not want to speculate."

"We believe the university will not be closed," said Guerin, "because it's unthinkable a campus so important to a metropolitan area like this would be closed."

The state stated there will be an across-the-board cut of 25 percent for higher education. Guerin doesn't believe LSUS will suffer that high of a percentage cut because "We're already so low in the amount of money we get from the state," he said.

However, LSUS will have to implement cuts to make up for the money the state will take



"It's counter productive to deal with all these rumors going around... There's a public panic (concerning) 'what if this, what if that.' I'm not going to think about the 'what ifs.'"

Dr. Ronald Byrd, 1989

away, he added.

Beyond mentioning of library books and campus equipment, Guerin did not discuss any other possibilities in cuts.

He doesn't believe in increasing students' tuition, he said, and "It may come to that but we've yet to talk about an increase."

"We don't know the exact percentage of the cut and we don't know when we'll know... The governor's office will be working on this for the next three months, maybe more," he said. And, until the information is dispensed to the university, Guerin doesn't want to second-guess what part of the campus will be affected, he

added.

On Monday, Guerin called a meeting of all the university's officials to discuss LSUS' future in light of the mandatory cuts. Though most of the administrators put the rumor of the closing of LSUS to rest, they say

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Guerin: 'Good feeling' but can't promise moon

Hold on. We're not dead by a long shot. Stay positive.

That's the message the LSUS faculty is being told by university leadership — specifically, Acting Chancellor Wilfred Guerin and Faculty Senate President Wayne Gustavson.

"I had a good feeling," Guerin said as he told the university Faculty Council of his meetings with top-level administrators, deans and Faculty Senate officials as well as with five area legislators. "But I can't promise the moon," he added.

The five legislators — Reps. Roy Brun, Robert Adley, Billy Montgomery and Bobby Waddell as well as state Sen. Foster Campbell — met with Guerin and other administrators Wednesday. Guerin said the participants "talked candidly, honestly."

He said he found the meeting an "extremely helpful experience. That's not to say, however, that there won't be cuts. There surely will be cuts around the state."

Guerin said he felt sure that there will be some budget cuts in the wake of the failure last Saturday of Gov. Buddy Roemer's tax restructuring proposal. But, he added, "We (LSUS) feel some assurance."

Asked after the council meeting to elaborate, Guerin said, "I feel we're in a better position (than other state institutions). We're already recognized as being tightly



Dr. Wilfred Guerin

managed."

Louisiana higher education is going to have to absorb some cuts, he said, but as to rumors concerning LSUS, Guerin felt the university didn't have to worry.

"Are we among the four-year colleges going to be converted to two-year schools? Are we going to be shut down?" Guerin said, shaking his head

as to indicate the answer to both questions is "no."

"Now," he added, "Has Gov. Roemer told me that?" Guerin again shook his head.

Where Guerin left off, Gustavson stepped in. "If and when things finally turn around," he told the council, "this campus should be in outstanding shape."

Gustavson said because the campus "has ridden a roller-coaster ride" this year, he asked the college deans to compile a list of positive events that

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Smith: New Miss LSUS

MATT FRAZIER
Staff Writer

...And the new Miss LSUS is... Katrina Smith, history and pre-law freshman and the first black Miss LSUS.

First runner-up was Kirsten Mgee, biology freshman. Second runner-up was Fadra Tedesco, biology sophomore.

Third runner-up was... There was no 3rd runner-up. Only three people participated in the contest.

"I used to watch beauty contests and wonder why the winners would always cry. I didn't think that I would do that," said Smith. "When I found out I won... my knees buckled... I just started crying. I couldn't help myself."

"I didn't realize that I had won until all these people started walking up to me and someone gave me the trophy."

Smith said while she doesn't want to be known as "the first



Miss LSUS Katrina Smith.

black Miss LSUS," she does feel it is an added responsibility. She also feels that it shows attitudes in beauty pageants and in the South are changing.

She entered her first beauty contest as a freshman at Parkway High School when she was 14. "I never did quite win...

but I came close," she said.

She wasn't going to enter the Miss LSUS contest but her mother encouraged her to do so. "I hadn't been in a contest for three years. By the time I decided to enter there were just two

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editorial

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**Save them
bucks for fall!
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By LILY DIZON
Editor

The Roemer Revolution fizzled out this past weekend and everyone in Louisiana will suffer repercussions.

nor's "scare tactics" failed; the mavericks in Legislature called the governor's bluff; the majority of the voters in the state still want everything for nothing — let's talk about what this means for LSUS.

The acting chancellor and his colleagues have high hopes that the institution will remain opened. Well, that's fine and good but let's dispense with the formalities and address the main issue. Will there be a tuition hike?

The answer: Though Acting Chancellor Wilfred Guerin says he's against an increase and "it may come to that," the issue hasn't been discussed.

Why not? If there is a possibility, say it. It's still fresh in our minds that this time last year, Chancellor Grady Bogue said there would not be a tuition increase. Three months later, full-time students were required to pay an extra \$60 to attend LSUS. This summer semester, students have to pay \$60 per course hour as opposed to the flat full-time fee of \$320 we paid last year. And, those decisions, folks, were made during times when there were NO state cuts.

So, at least let us know where we stand so we can start saving our money. Dilly-dallying around and skirting the issue will not allay any fear or apprehension. Also, we won't be hurt or disappointed if you should slip and it ends up that there won't be an increase after all.

Let's be realistic. Five out of the past six years, LSUS has trimmed its budget to the bone. Now, even if we are to cut back on library books and equipment to try to make up for what's to be cut, will that be enough? If, as the chancellor has said, the school has been operating on G-string budgets before the cut, now that further slashes have been implemented, what else can the check balancers target next but tuition?

We're not blind nor are we gullible. But, we can't study in limbo. We're neither nimble nor quick enough to come up with extra cash a week before the start of a semester.

We should be told "Yes or No," or even, "We're discussing it," not "We won't speculate or talk about it until the time comes."

So, students who are returning to LSUS next semester, it's a safe bet to follow this tip: Keep an extra hundred on the side — just in case "The time comes."



Operating on a bare-bone budget!

Brush aside set-asides!

By LORI NEJAME
Managing Editor

Let's play a game!

Minority set asides, free enterprise, democracy, business, the American way of life, fair competition. . .

One of these words is not like the other; one of these words doesn't belong.

Established by the government, minority set-asides are programs which REQUIRE city and state operated institutions to purchase at least 10-15 percent of whatever they purchase from a minority-owned company before purchasing from another company.

Wait, there's more. If you're an entity of the City of Shreveport (i.e., City Hall, the Shreveport sanitation department, the Shreveport police department, the Shreveport fire department. . .) there is another REQUIREMENT. Since there are more minority-owned business machine companies than other types of companies, in order to meet the required minority purchase percentage, the City of Shreveport is required to buy about 40 percent of their office

machines and supplies from a company owned by a minority.

Regardless of the quality of a product, if a minority is selling that product, and you're purchasing for a city or state-operated institution, you have **NO CHOICE** to make.

There are arguments both for and against these set asides:

FOR: "If you were a minority, you'd like the set asides."

"It's like giving those who don't have one, a chance."

"It's about time they (referring to whom, we can't be sure) gave us (minorities) a break."

AGAINST: "Are you trying to tell me that if I (a local non-minority salesperson) am offering a better machine to a customer, if they happen to be a city- or state-operated institution, they can't purchase from me first if they'd like?"

"Everybody lately is holler-
ing about racism and
discrimination — this is reverse
discrimination."

Talk of discrimination is plenty as it has been for centuries. Articles can be written; preachers can speak; races can debate and programs can be established. But we need to remember, whether we're

members of an established religion, agnostics or atheists, we live in a FREE, DEMOCRATIC society! And regardless of what we're told by whomever for whatever reason, it is our (minorities' and whites') right to make choices. Well, it used to be.

Let's talk free enterprise:
The freedom of private
businesses to organize and
operate for profit in a COM-
PETITIVE SYSTEM WITH-
OUT INTERFERENCE BY
GOVERNMENT beyond
regulation necessary to protect
public interest and keep the na-
tional economy in balance.

No, it can't be. Yes, it can be. That definition can be found in any dictionary. But why should that matter? Though in a free enterprise system, there shouldn't be government interference, there can be exceptions. Right? **WRONG!**

Not when these exceptions move us further and further away from a democracy — further and further away from government of the people, by the people and for the people. And closer toward a government that thinks it is the people and it can make decisions in everyone's best interest.

LETTERS POLICY

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Turning the Corner

I, T.E-J, hereby will...

By TOM EYTON-JONES
Columnist

More than once I've talked about my feline and each time he had done something to make me want to cover him in plastic explosive and drop him in a blast furnace.

Unlike my dog, however, Sam has an independent, distinctive personality that can both anger and soothe; he has the uncanny ability to make me both happy and violently angry within a span of about 10 seconds. But that makes him unique, just like people, and I wouldn't trade him for any other animal in the world. I wouldn't trade the friends I've made here for any others either.

Now, don't think you're going to read some sentimental slop about parting being such sweet sorrow (sorry, Dr. Lake!) or how much I owe to both my friends and professors for the camaraderie and good education — you just did, so let's get to the part where I embarrass some people. Yeah!

I graduate from "The Naked

Mall" next month (if I can do justice to French 201) and many people have asked me "What are you going to do with a BA in History?" I'm going to do what every other History major does with it: Hang it on the wall! Next item!

One of the "fun" things we did when I graduated from Bedrock High School was to make out a class will which was read at Class Night, a sort of prelude to the BIG ceremony a week later.

The rock we carved it on is now a cornerstone for the local Burger King but that's another story. I thought it would be nice, being this is my last column, if I "left" some things behind for those who will carry on the great (?) traditions of LSUS.

So first the embarrassing stuff, then the "I love ya" part. TO: the ALMAGEST Office — "Killer" Miller's interior decorator; TO: Lily Dizon, current ALMAGEST editor — a first edition copy of Rod Serling's autobiography; TO: Colette Cheramie, student activities director — heathen repellent;

TO: Dr. Gloria Raines, director of student affairs — a Lear jet so she can get back to her office from her far-flung meetings; TO: Dr. Jeffrey Ickes, counseling director — matching socks; TO: Dr. Ann McLaurin, chairman of the history department and political science — very, very soft shoes; TO: Jim "Killer" Miller, history professor — a floor fan that comes on without warning; TO: Dr. Norman Provizer, political science professor — a candidate he likes; TO: Elizabeth Humphreys, former SGA president — amnesia; TO: the new officers of the NTSU (Pat Matlock, president; Ruby Brown, vice president; Jeannie Battarbee, secretary; Jill Garrard, treasurer; Bonnie Deason, Jim Whatley and Scott Meyers, executive council members) — my NTSU data disk and a lot of luck in finding a computer they can use; TO: Coach Rambin, H & PE — students without body fat; TO: LSUS' fraternities and sororities — "Revenge of the Nerds" Fan not least, TO: the faculty —

Club memberships; and, last but MORE MONEY!

The high school graduating class also dedicated the school yearbook to some deserving parent, teacher or booster they held in high regard (I think Barney Rubble got it that year). This is the spot where I dedicate my last column to someone who is, as they say (whoever "they" are), near and dear to my heart.

She's not a cardiovascular surgeon but someone I feel strongly about, someone who encouraged me to "spill my guts" on paper, someone who believed in me (and still does) and who knew that under all those "message shirts" there was a literate heart, topped by a mind that asked questions (a LOT of questions). Nancy Hutson, professor of English, may not be your favorite poster girl but she is one of my favorite people and a dedicated teacher, something the world needs more of these days. She made me work, just like she makes every other student work, but she introduced me to my own abilities and nurtured them. She

made me read; I was elevated to planes of literary accomplishment and expression that I had never experienced before.

Many times I sat and talked with this lovely woman and each was a learning experience. She gave me the tools to explore the world and the heavens through the written word; she helped me learn how to express my own experiences and to relate them to others, both seriously and humorously. To Nancy Hutson, wit, sage and patron, I say thank you with all my heart; only time will tell to what extent what "thou hath wrought" may be taken.

To the nontraditional students I leave the NTSU. Patti Matlock will be a great president; the other officers are just as dedicated and will serve you well. Support them and they will reciprocate. The NTSU was founded on two facts: (1) you CAN do it, and (2) you are not alone. Truer words were never spoken (at least not by me).

May you always have the freedom to be yourself. Farewell.

Editor berated for being 'hypocritical'

Dear Editor:

In response to Barbara Hill's letter and Lily Dizon's April 21 editorial:

As editor to the ALMAGEST and a writer of various articles pertaining to campus apathy, it was very hypocritical and closed-minded to tell readers that protesting David Duke's appearance would be a "a waste of time and belittle LSUS."

To disapprove or approve of something and not speak up is the highest form of apathy. This is in effect what you encouraged your readers to do.

Without protest, America would still be an English colony; blacks and women wouldn't be able to vote. Maybe your opinion

is a waste of time but mine is not. If no one at LSUS had protested, it would have sent the message that everyone at LSUS agreed and approved of Duke's ideas.

As one of the protestors, I can attest that none of us tried to

obstruct Duke's "fundamental freedom of speech." The protestors possess that same fundamental freedom.

Ms. Hill seems to be quite confused when it comes to perceptions. How is objecting to Duke related to a "yuppie mentality?" The faculty of this campus also has an obligation to their students and the community. I would much rather have a faculty member that stands up for his beliefs than one who sits on his hands.

If it were left up to the actions of you two, no one would give a damn about anything.

Willie Pryor

Editor's note: David Duke, like the protestors, has a constitutional right to speak. Please reread the column and note that it referred to protesting Duke's right to speak "in a public-speaking arena...would belittle our campus."

Johnnie's gotta wear shades

By LILY DIZON
Editor

We'll call him Johnnie Walker, (obviously, not his real name). JW was a friend of mine and his story may be yours.

JW breezed through high school. Impressed with his credentials, the local university gave him a scholarship which paid for his tuition plus expenses.

JW was your typical high school graduate and college boy. He attended classes (when he didn't have anything else to do) in the morning, bagged groceries at a supermarket in

the afternoon, and at night he partied. His schedule was filled. JW had no time for that task the intellectuals call "studying."

College was a big shock for JW. He used to lament with his friends over many pitchers of beer the fact that you actually had to go to class. What happened to the days when he could skip school, go to the lake, then on to the nearest Mickey D's, and when he got home, pick up the phone and ask the fluff-

minded airhead who was dumb enough to go to class that day what he'd missed and voila, he aced that test?

All play, no work and still make A's. JW had it all. In high school.

Near the end of his second semester in college, the realization hit him like a ton of bricks: There was one more week left and unless he made perfect scores on all of his finals and

prayed heavily (not necessarily in that order), he wouldn't be able to come back to school, much less retain the scholarship. Realistically, the scholarship was gone. And if he didn't pull up his average, he could kiss his bright future goodbye.

One week. How can you possibly make up for all the days you didn't go to class to get the information you needed in one week? Calling up classmates wouldn't help now. College is so different from high school.

Then, JW had a brainstorm. He was going to stay up all day and all night for the next week, cramming into his head all that it could take. It was just for one

week. He could make it. With some help. Uppers. Downers.

So he set out to catch up — calling people, copying notes, memorizing. When he was tired, he popped tiny pills to perk him up. Sometimes, they were too strong so he popped other tiny pills to bring him down a little. He see-sawed back and forth, up and down, back and forth, up and down...

The night before his first final, JW was happy. He knew everything there was to know for the tests. His future was going to be bright, after all. He went out with his friends to celebrate. They toasted to each other and to him. Later, he went home and went to bed. He was going to be ready for tomorrow.

JW didn't wake up the next day. Or the following two. When he did, he asked, "What's the point?"

The last we heard, Johnnie Walker was seen on the dark streets of Chicago, sitting underneath a light post. A worn out hat in his outstretched hand.

His future is not so bright.

news

Larry English looks back

By KRISTI SHUPP
Staff Writer

Last semester, Larry English found himself at the center of media hype created by his appointment as assistant to the chancellor. This semester English is still in high gear but controversy no longer surrounds him.

Dr. Wilfred Guerin, acting chancellor, wishes he "had more time to work with (English)," he said, adding, "He's always been helpful when I needed him."

English has learned a great deal from Guerin and Dr. Grady Bogue, presently at LSU Baton Rouge, who, he said, took a risk hiring (English) because he did not have a bachelor's degree.

"I'm trying to be a normal person," said English of his life after the attention he received from the media. The experience hasn't jaded him because he is used to being scrutinized by the media, he said.

"I have a love for the written word. I have a respect for people

who are journalists," English said.

Last semester, Kevin Jerome, then editor of the **ALMAGEST**, called for English's resignation in an editorial. English says his nonchalant attitude to the editorial surprised even him but he wanted to wait for the situation to die down so he could answer objectively.

Of Jerome's editorial, English said, "Before you take on an individual and talk about (his) livelihood, make sure your facts are together.... Journalism is such a powerful tool in our society but responsibility comes with that tool, no matter what paper you work for."

English says he harbors no hostility toward Jerome. "I have a lot of respect for Kevin and I admire his courage for writing what he did."

Jerome still holds true his convictions. "It is evident that it was a political appointment. Like last semester, I don't see \$18,000 worth of good coming out of it."

English felt that all charges

made against him in the editorial were not based on facts, he said.

Of Jerome's accusation that there was a conflict of interest between his job with the chancellor and his involvement with the NAACP, English said he had explained his position to Bogue and Bogue supported him.

"He (Bogue) encourages people who work for him to express themselves in the community," said English.

Where his own education is concerned, English said he has "senioritis" and is finding it difficult to study. His most important goal will be realized when he graduates this summer, he said.

"My time at LSUS has strengthened my love for it," he said, adding, "I intend to support and maintain ties to LSUS."

LSUS has prepared English to pursue any career goals he may have, he said. However, he refuses to outline any career goals and neither he nor Guerin knows yet whether he will return as assistant to the chancellor.

Grady Bogue to come home

MATT FRAZIER
Staff Writer



Dr. Grady Bogue

In the same spirit of a famous general who, before jumping off his ship, yelled, "I shall return," Dr. Grady Bogue, said, "I'll be back" at LSUS.

This tumultuous semester LSUS has endured David Duke, tax packages and art sculptures on campus grounds. And it did all this without its head, Chancellor Bogue.

Bogue, sometimes chancellor of LSUS, has been in Baton Rouge this semester overseeing LSUBR while its board looked for a new chancellor. Bogue says the search should be completed in time for him to return to LSUS by the fall semester.

That is if he still has a job. "I was told I could come back," he said laughingly. "LSUS and Shreveport are my home."

Bogue said he missed his family and the social interac-

tion of Shreveport. He and his wife Linda have been commuting between Shreveport and Baton Rouge on weekends.

Acting Chancellor Wilfred Guerin doesn't seem upset at giving up the power of being in charge of LSUS.

"What power?" he asked. "I've seen this as a challenge and have tried to rise to the occasion."

Guerin said that he has been busy trying to be both acting chancellor and vice chancellor but has had a lot of help from Associate Vice Chancellor Dr. Gale Bridger, secretaries and others.

This semester, five of the eight chancellors in the LSU system have been either replaced or about to retire, Guerin said.

Smith...

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days left before the deadline.

Smith said she has never had professional voice or swimsuit training but has worked as a model.

Smith works as a "cash manager" at a local bank. She also does volunteer work at a hospital. She is planning to take 16 hours this fall while serving duties as Miss LSUS.

"I have a commitment to represent LSUS. I'm not going to just take my scholarship money and run."

Smith said that the judges complimented her on her interview.

"I read The (Shreveport) Times and the Journal, USA Today, Wall Street Journal and the Dallas Morning News every day. I'm a news person. So when they asked me about a current event I was able to give them an answer."

For her talent, Smith sang "The Sweetest Thing" by Juice Newton. "I'm not Whitney Houston. I just sang a song that I knew I could sing and that I liked."

Smith said that she would like to win the Miss Louisiana contest but will be happy if she finishes in the first 10.

"It's a good way to get money for college. I want to know that

my college education is paid for. After I graduate I will still have graduate school to pay for. If I don't win this year I will try again next year."

LSUS Pageant Director Joanne Swearingin said that normally LSUS has seven or eight contestants. This year there were more judges (five) than there were contestants.

For her talent Kirsten Mgee played the American Trilogy ("Dixie", "Battle Hymn of the Republic", and "All My Trials"). Fadra Tedesco sang "Stormy Weather."

percent of the contestants' overall score, interviews, evening gown and swimsuit were the judged events in the pageant. Girls were judged on beauty, grace, poise and posture, Swearingin said.

Last year's Miss LSUS Jina Procell said she had mixed feelings about giving up the crown. "Being Miss LSUS takes a lot out of you and I'm ready to get through school," she said. "But I'm excited for the new girl."

Swearingin said Smith will be very busy getting ready for the Miss Louisiana contest, starting June 15.

"I've picked out 'Right or Wrong' by Joey Heatherton as my song. I'm already looking at gowns and swimsuits," Smith said.

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happened during that time.

He then read the list, highlighting two or three items from each college. For example, he said that 8,000 people participated in various on-campus conferences and institutes this year. Gustavson also cited personal achievements, such as marketing professor Dr. Rosetta Reed's Fulbright Scholarship to visit Russia.

Other highlights included:
-- funding grants awarded to the library and science faculty

-- acceptance of numerous refereed scholarly journal articles by business faculty

-- successful performance by computer science students in intercollegiate competitions

-- the education college's annual education forum

-- the communication department's annual journalism/public relations institute

-- 70 percent of the education college faculty publishing articles or presenting scholarly papers

Before discussing the current fiscal crisis, Guerin started the positive tone of the council meeting by presenting certificates of appreciation to three retiring employees: English professor Loretta Lampkins, government documents librarian William McCleary and longtime

staff worker Thelma Parks.

Guerin also announced the winners of the annual awards for faculty teaching and research excellence. The winners were professors Bob Aalberts, business; Ken Hinze, sociology; Robert

Leitz, English; Steven Lynch, biology; and Mattie Moseley, library science.

Promotions of several professors also were announced.

Promoted to full professor were Lynch, William Pederson and Harvey Rubin. Promoted to associate professor was Jesse DeMello. Promoted to assistant professor was Maxie Foster and Iris Johnson.

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Country boy croons the blues

By Melissa Welbourne
Contributing Writer

Hal B. Walley wiped the sweat off his brow and looked out across the room.

The 29-year-old executive took a long, last drag on his cigarette and slowly stubbed it out. Sparks were about to fly.

Walley ran his hand through his beard, gently shook his bushy head, and looked at his chief executive officer for the sign to move on to the next item. The other executives were poised, ready to fan the flames of an elderly hot agenda. Their leader turned to the crowded room and smiled at Hal B. Walley.

Then it happened.

The throbbing beat of a drum, the sizzling licks of a guitar, and the rush to the crush of the dance floor meant it was time for "Honky Tonk Woman." For Hal it was prime time.

His CEO is blues singer Betty Lewis, his corporate peers are her band, The Executives, and the only board he oversees is his keyboard. And he does that like a man who has played and sung the blues all his life, which, truth be known, he hasn't.

Hal Walley is a country boy by birth, a country musician by preference and a keyboard player in a blues band by choice. Raised in rural southern Mississippi near the Alabama line, he talks soft and slow with a gentle twang that could melt a mama's heart. He is a stocky man who has done a lot of things. But his heart is into music for keeps and has been for a long time. He was 11 when he played his first paying gig.

"We had a drummer and a



Hal B. Walley

photo by Melissa Welbourne

guitar player. The guitar player knew about four chords. I was the singer. Then we had another guy that we put a bass in his hand, but it wasn't plugged in. We only knew three songs and I think I've written two of those. We made \$3.50 a piece."

Hal didn't rest on his laurels after that one. He learned to play the saxophone and later taught himself to play the guitar, bass, and drums.

By the time he was 16, he was playing bass in one of those infamous southern backwoods beer joints—"the kind you hear about with the chicken wire. It had old wood floors; they'd throw out sawdust. This was just a beer joint and it was waaay back in the woods."

Now, don't be fooled; but rather, let it be known that this backwoods musician could read and write quite well.

By the time he was 17, Hal had left the Magnolia State, graduated from high school and

enlisted in the Air Force. During his six years in the service he studied Czechoslovakian for a year and a half before going into management engineering. That assignment sent him on manpower studies all over the world. Before his enlistment ended he had been to 36 countries.

Once Hal returned home, he was back to his music and working in construction. Hal had taught himself many things, but there was one goal he couldn't reach through self-instruction: he could not get a college degree and go to law school. Money always was too tight.

"I wanted to be a lawyer since I was a young 'un. I didn't have Daddy to fall back on to give me tuition or something to eat. I've been down the road. I've had rough times. There was a time when a whole week before payday I ate Cream of Wheat."

In California he met and later married a young woman who gave Hal a chance to reach his

goal.

Tammy Walley helps keep the Barksdale B-52s in the air. Her Air Force assignment brought them to Shreveport and she works so Hal can get his history degree at LSUS and his law degree from Ole Miss.

She believes in her man.

"I think he will make a good lawyer. When we have an argument about something, he drives me crazy because he analyzes everything—not so much to see who is right or wrong, but just to figure it all out."

Inquiring minds want to know. Although Hal usually plays four or five nights a week, he keeps over a 3.0 average with a full load of courses.

His willingness to learn impressed Dr. Dalton Gossett, chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences. Gossett is Hal's neighbor, teacher, and sometime country music pickin' partner.

"The thing that impresses me most about Hal as a student—I've had him for two courses—is his interest in learning. He's interested in getting some information out of the course, in learning what he can."

Betty Lewis hired him "on the spot" because of his reputation and his willingness to switch from country to blues.

"The country musicians are more trustworthy, more loyal. Country people help each other more. The part I hate is knowing that in a year Hal will be going one way and I'll be going another. There's just an aura. His singing, playing, and personality all match," she said.

Dickey Guice, Executive bass player, knows what it is like to

play music and be a full-time student. He has been there.

"It's hard to come in and play until one or two o'clock in the morning and then get up for an eight o'clock class. Hal, it doesn't seem to bother him a bit. He can just jump right up there and do it." Guice also appreciates Hal's talents.

"He's one of those amazing musicians who can play a little bit of everything. Within the group he is kind of like an inside motivator. He keeps everyone feeling good."

Hal Walley's life is fairly well laid out: school during the day, rehearsals, recordings, setting up, playing and taking the equipment down fill most of the other hours of the week.

"I enjoy the work, enjoy the people smiling. I wish I could be home more at night because I'm a homebody. I like to be kicked up drinking a glass of iced tea and watching TV. But when I walk in the door of a club, my mind and my spirit is inside the club. My mind is totally focused on the show."

As a lawyer, Hal expects to be a "lawyer that does things right, both by the book and by the heart."

"I don't want to save the world. I know that can't be done. I want to make sure justice is done. I don't like crooked people or the way they do their business."

Hal expects to be involved in the music business wherever his law degree takes him.

"I'll have something where I've got my paws in the music business. Music is in my blood. I'll always be a picker. I'll always tap my foot."

Auditing...

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refused to identify herself said, "(Accounting) seems to be more careful lately about our petty cash expenses." Kathryn Frazier, general manager of KDAQ was unable to be reached for further comment.

Ferrell said that this auditing is not something that accounting just started; rather, they've been doing audits since they were requested to do so in 1986.

However, Ferrell did say that he has read in the local newspapers that Bill Lynch, the inspector general who conducts audits throughout universities in Louisiana has already visited Southern, Nichols State and Louisiana Tech this year. "I feel the inspector general will be around—when, I don't know," Ferrell

said.

But yesterday, Lynch said, "I don't have any schedule on (an LSUS audit) at this time." Lynch explained that his office doesn't do "regular audits...but, generally, just when we have a complaint."

"I don't think I've heard a complaint on (LSUS)," Lynch added.

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Businessmen reverse roles, interview media

By LORI NEJAME
Managing Editor

As Carl Liberto, editor of The Shreveport Journal, entered the room, an area businessman said facetiously, "We're ready now." To which Liberto responded, "Well, you're always late for press conferences."

Things continued back and forth in much the same manner throughout the "Reverse Press Conference" sponsored by the Shreveport Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

For an hour and a half Thursday, representatives of the local news media were questioned by representatives of area businesses in a reversal of the traditional press role.

As the newsmakers introduced themselves and made opening statements, laughs filled the room. A number of the media representatives said their records were public and for any other answers, their public relations department could be called.

Some of the questions raised by the "press" included one businessman's concern with young people's lack of interest in



Frank Sutherland, Andrew Pontz and John Lee



Carl Liberto, Jack Hodges and Ginger Morgan

newspapers and another businessman's concern with the usefulness and purpose of Tell the Times.

But one of the most loaded questions presented to the media was concerning sensationalism — creating news in order to sell a medium.

Liberto responded by saying that the media doesn't sensationalize just to sell; however, if something is sensational and it helps sales then that is great, he added.

John Lee of KWKH, said, "News knows no good or bad. If it

happens, it happens."

Ed McGovern of AT&T posed a concern about the media's awareness of the financial impact on businesses that results from what is said on television news.

McGovern explained that one Sunday evening when a Channel 6 weatherman told viewers of an ice storm coming to the area, he also told them that if they didn't have to go to work then they should stay home. As a result, McGovern said, many people did not show up for work at AT&T

Monday which cost his company a loss of about \$150,000.

Questions concerning things being taken out of context and headlines that were misleading also were posed by the businessmen.

Other issues discussed included a supposed "conspiracy" among the media to support Buddy Roemer for governor and the more recent support of his tax package.

When one businessman asked why a newspaper would print a

quote if what a person said is wrong, Frank Sutherland, editor of The (Shreveport) Times, answered that though the media has to print all sides, there's a "difference between truth and accuracy."

Sutherland said, "Our first responsibility is to dispense the news accurately, fairly and responsibly."

Many students, professors and other public were present at what proved to be an interesting "press" conference.

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Auditing the Auditors: An inside story

By LORI NEJAME
Managing Editor

"We're not trying to catch somebody with their fingers in the pie," said Michael Ferrell, director of accounting services.

Ferrell isn't referring to any diet plan but rather to a series of audits recently being conducted by the accounting services on campus.

Previously, Ferrell said, an internal auditing committee in the LSU system was responsible for conducting audits at LSUS. However, this committee no longer exists due to budget cuts, Ferrell said. Therefore, since 1986, accounting services per a written request from the LSU system office has attempted to "check and make sure written procedures exist and are followed" in the various organizations on campus.

When an audit begins, Ferrell and others within accounting services meet with heads of the organization or department, Ferrell said. In the meeting, Ferrell said that questions are asked relating to observations the accounting staff has made concerning that particular group's handling of funds that come into the university.

Next, the accounting staff makes suggestions, if needed, on ways in which the organization or department can improve their accounting procedures. At that time, accounting waits for a response concerning those suggestions.

"Sometimes there's a follow-up," Ferrell said. "And sometimes, there isn't."

Ferrell said that groups know when they are going to be audited. "We don't walk in and catch them by surprise," he said.

According to Ferrell, groups to be audited are randomly chosen unless accounting sees somewhere that it feels it can offer some assistance.

Ferrell made it clear that these audits are "procedural," and the accounting staff is looking to see if any weak points exist in accounting procedures, he



Michael Ferrell

said.

Among those audited, the Office of Admission and Record's audit "went well...overall," said Kathy Plante, registrar and director of admissions.

Plante said that she, her secretary and Randy Timms, assistant director of accounting services, met. At issue were the admission office's procedures for handling "monies received in the mail" for catalogs, transcripts, applications and such, Plante said, adding that her office doesn't like to handle cash.

Plante explained that occasionally, students only have cash and if someone in accounting is still in the office, "We send them there," she said. Otherwise, the student must wait until the next day, and "Some of them get real upset," Plante said.

Plante said she found the audit to be a "constructive opportunity" to improve things. "At least (it was a chance for someone) to say, 'Hey, you're doing a good job.'"

However, Plante said there was one question about admission procedures concerning catalogs. "We could've maintained a better inventory of catalogs. And we've (since) improved upon that," Plante said.

But Denise May, ALMAGEST ad manager, saw the audit as a necessity because "there have been so many misunderstandings between the accounting department and the ALMAGEST," May said.

May said, "This was a chance for me and Michael Ferrell to come face-to-face."

May explained that when so-

meone places an advertisement in the ALMAGEST, once the ad is paid for, she marks two invoices as paid, and the money as well as one of the invoices are sent to accounting.

However, May said that invoices which her records showed paid were shown as outstanding accounts according to the accounting office.

"In the audit," May said, "Michael Ferrell told me that from now on, right when I get a check, I can mark the ALMAGEST invoice paid but I must walk the check and another invoice 'immediately' to the accounting office."

May said she feels that the problem is with communication between the accounting office and the ad manager.

As it stood before the audit, if an advertiser had a balance, the advertiser could send payment directly to May through the ALMAGEST office or the accounting office. Each month, accounting sends the ad manager a sheet of outstanding ALMAGEST invoices, May said, adding, "But a lot of the names on that sheet had already paid."

May said she thinks it makes her look "stupid when I write these people asking them to send us proof that they've paid, as if we're not keeping records."

Dr. George Sylvie, ALMAGEST advisor, said, "Every month we get a statement from the accounting department telling us how much people owe us. (Denise) discovered that more than a few (of those on the list) had already paid, though the accounting books showed these



Kathy Plante

as outstanding accounts."

Sylvie said he had some idea that the ALMAGEST would be audited because, "Denise wrote letters to the accounting department" as soon as she found these errors concerning outstanding accounts, he said.

Both May and Sylvie thought the auditor's requests were no more than what they require from others.

But, Sylvie said he feels accounting is expecting too much from student workers (May and most of those who handle funds from campus organizations are students) "who aren't accountants," Sylvie said.

May said that Ferrell asked her to come up with a manual covering her job description.

"I think (the manual) is great" for future workers, May said. But she said she felt that it was a lot for her to have to put together in a short time.

"(Ferrell) wanted it ready in a couple of weeks from the time

of the audit," May said. "But I have other obligations."

Ferrell said that the accounting department "stresses written procedures because a student may be at a job this semester" but not next, he said. Therefore, Ferrell said these written procedures will serve as guidelines for future student workers.

"I felt real comfortable with the concept of auditing," said Colette Cheramie, director of student activities.

Cheramie said she felt comfortable with all the suggestions made by accounting "except one." Cheramie said she is referring to a request which the accounting department made regarding the gameroom in the UC which comes under student activities.

"(Some of the) students who work in the gameroom don't feel the suggested way is the best way to handle it. So we've requested a follow-up," Cheramie said. Other than that, she said, "Randy Timms was very reasonable."

Larry Ferguson, associate vice chancellor of administration, said, "Overall, the departments are cooperating and doing as we suggest."

Ferrell said, "We like to go in with a positive attitude. This is a positive thing. Everybody helps one another."

KDAQ, LSUS' public radio station has also been audited recently. A woman at KDAQ

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I would like to thank all the businesses and people who helped support the *Almagest* this year. I especially want to thank Dr. Cloud, Mrs. O'Barr, Dr. Sylvie, Lily Dizon, and Lori NeJame for helping me this semester when I needed it the most. Thanks again and have a great summer!

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Campus turns ghost town on Fridays

MATT FRAZIER

Staff Writer &
Sarah Adcock
Contributing Writer

Few in the campus community would take exception with the opinion that Friday afternoons here are slower than other weekday afternoons.

But as to just how slow Fridays are and why, no one exactly knows. Could Fridays be an albatross to LSUS and cost more than they're worth?

The **ALMAGEST** found Fridays seem slow to everyone except the staff. Fridays represent a "catch-up day" to staff members. A recent **ALMAGEST** Friday telephone survey of LSUS staff revealed that besides this day being a popular "doctor's appointment" day, most of the staff were in their appointed places.

The general consensus was that if it were not for a slower pace on Fridays, paperwork requirements would be impossible to meet.

Gerda Crawford, director of university relations, agrees there is "less activity on Fridays, but not enough to notice. Any spare or slow time available is needed to wrap up the week," she said.

Other staff members agreed with this concept. Dr. Ronald Martin of the chemistry department spoke from his office on a Friday afternoon. "I am here most every Friday until 4:30 or 5 p.m.," he said. While he doesn't see many students during the afternoon, he does use the time for research and writing papers.

"Students can find me if they need me," he added.

If working Friday afternoons doesn't appeal to some, imagine working until 6 p.m. every Friday like Paula Lynch, assistant director of counseling services.

"We may be the only department open at that time of the day," said Lynch. "Because we can better serve our evening students and potential students, we keep late office hours every day of the week," she added.

Lynch also admits to less student contact then but she uses the quieter time to catch up, she said.

Although counseling services work late to accommodate evening students, the library finds it more economically feasible to close early on Friday afternoons.

Malcolm Parker, library director, said "Friday afternoon is the least used time of the week." For this reason, the library closes at 4:30 p.m.

The reason why few students are sighted around noon could be because some are in classes, according to Warren Cockerham,



William Ferguson

assistant registrar.

LSUS has 541 students in 30 sections of classes on Fridays with starting times at noon and after. One class begins at 3 p.m.

"These figures were even amazing to us," said Cockerham.

Scanning the parking lots at 2:30 p.m. Fridays does not give the impression of much activity, however.

Recent car counts revealed that 372 vehicles were on campus. Take into consideration that LSUS has approximately 200 staff members, most with parked cars, that leaves less than 130 cars for faculty and students.

With such indications of student absence, Kurt Rensink, assistant director of student activities, tried to determine why not many students were around Friday afternoons.

The term "commuter college" seemed to analyze the situation well. Since most LSUS students work, they have little time to stay on campus once classes are over, Rensink said.

Kathy Young, a fourth-year education major, said she has purposely avoided Friday classes from the beginning. "I have children in school and their activities keep me busy during the week," she said. "By Friday, the last place I want to be is here."

Rensink said past scheduled Friday afternoon activities have been poorly attended. "We just have bad luck with anything scheduled for Friday afternoons," he said.

Students aren't the only people hard to find on Fridays. Faculty members are scarce as

"If you close down early these people still have to do the same amount of work in less time...Just because there aren't many students here doesn't mean that we don't work."

William Ferguson, 1989

well.

An **ALMAGEST** telephone survey revealed that very few teachers were in their offices to answer their phones after 1 p.m. Although some may have been in classes and unable to answer their phones, this non-scientific poll shows that if a student needed to contact a professor for help, it would have been hard to do so by telephone Friday afternoons.

With a total faculty staff of 42, the College of Business answered once out of 25 randomly placed calls. The College of Education, faculty staff of 42, answered 5 out of 15 randomly placed calls.

Liberal arts, faculty staff of 69, answered only once out of 23 calls and the College of Science, staff of 54, answered four times out of 20 calls placed.

An easier tally shows that out of 207 total faculty staff, 77 random calls were placed with 12 professors answering their phones on Friday afternoons, giving an average of 16 percent response.

Dr. Richard Barnett, chairman of foreign languages, attests that he never sees any faculty on Friday afternoon, except for "an occasional roach as my afternoon guest."

All this could mean that empty classrooms and faculty offices represent an area where LSUS could save expenses.

An **ALMAGEST** walk-through of buildings Friday afternoon found that in Bronson Hall alone, 21 rooms were lighted with absolutely no students, faculty or cleaning crew in them. No one knows how long these lights had been burning.

Both the Business and Education Building and the Science Building had eight rooms inappropriately lit. One of those rooms had a janitor's cart in front of it.

Counting rooms with lights left on may sound trivial, but

when money is scarce, campus officials agree that utility costs could add to a large liability.

By 2:30 p.m. Fridays, most LSUS students have already made their mad dash for their cars and are enjoying the freedom of the weekend. LSUS looks like a ghost town.

Although most students and faculty are gone, LSUS still spends about \$410,000 a year keeping the school open from 2:30 to 4:30 every Friday, officials say. This figure includes utilities cost and two hours' salary for those employees on campus during that time.

With the governor saying that he is going to cut 25 percent of higher educational funding (a cut of \$6.97 million for LSUS) some might wonder if LSUS should close two hours early every Friday and cut two hours a week from those still working on campus.

"Where you really get savings is when you close," said Donald Bloxom, assistant director of the LSUS physical plant. "It costs LSUS as much for utilities for one hour as it costs to run a house for a month."

Bloxom said by shutting down the power plant two hours early on Friday, LSUS would save approximately \$16,660 a year.

Employees still on campus after 2:30 include administrators, college deans, chairmen of departments and their secretaries. Other operation costs are found in utility, bookstore, library workers and computer lab personnel.

William Ferguson, associate vice-chancellor, said the LSUS budget approximated that two hours a week of their salary would come to \$393,288 a year.

Ferguson said it would not be practical or right to cut the salaries of those on campus after 2:30.

"If you close down early these people still have to do the same amount of work in less time," Ferguson said. "LSUS' administration is cut to the bare minimum now, cutting two hours out of the week would not be feasible."

"Just because there aren't many students here doesn't mean that we don't work," he said. "There is work in purchasing, personnel, accounting, student services, payroll, custodial and maintenance that needs to be done."

"Many of us have to take work home or come to the office during the weekend as it is," he added.

Dr. Wilfred Guerin, acting chancellor, agreed. "If you take away two hours, when is that work going to get done?"

He added that there may be other difficulties in cutting hours. "As I understand it — it would be against the law for LSUS to cut hours from secretaries and other civil service workers. It would take an act of the state government to do it."

Burt Farrar, director of the LSUS physical plant, said maintenance, janitorial and grounds keeping is best done after the students have left campus. "That way we don't get in their way and we don't risk breaking car windows with flying debris when we mow."

He said cutting two hours away from their time would be "ludicrous."

Cindy Bickham, bookstore manager said, "Friday is our catch-up day. If we shut down early it would be difficult to be ready for Monday."

"I'll admit that after 2:30 there is not much student traffic. But there is more than enough internal work to be done. Books need to be ordered and priced. Departmental needs and paperwork must be attended to. Inventory and stocking shelves must be done," she added.

Library Director Parker said not many LSUS students use the library after 2:30 on Fridays. "We mainly have high school students and members of the community using the library."

He added that while Friday afternoons are the slowest time of the week, LSUS' library should be open to serve the community.

Richard Wilson, computer science junior said, "It would be rare that I would use anything on Friday. On rare occasions I use the library and the computer center."

Polly Morse, criminal justice sophomore, said it would be OK to shut down everything except the library and the gym.

Jerry Valentine, physical therapy freshman thought that if it would save money the library could be shut down. "Two hours shouldn't make that much of a difference."

Bloxom from physical plant said it costs just as much money to run one building as it does to run all the buildings because it takes the same amount of preparations and machines.

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Parking violators to pay more

By KEVAN SMITH
Staff Writer

As written last week in an ALMAGEST editorial, parking violation fines will double next fall.

Instead of paying \$5 for parking in faculty spaces and \$10 for parking in handicapped spaces, students will pay \$10 and \$20 respectively, said campus police chief Claude Overlease.

But, said Larry Ferguson, assistant vice chancellor for business affairs, "The whole thing is not a money-making deal. It's to increase awareness of parking regulations on campus."

Ferguson said LSUS' traffic committee, a body that hears appeals of tickets and recommends traffic policy, unanimously approved a proposal to raise the fines. Two faculty, two staff and two students serve on the committee.

After committee approval,



Dr. Ann McLaurin

Acting Chancellor Wilfred Guerin also approved the increase, Ferguson said. Guerin then sent the proposal to LSU System President Allen Copping for final approval, which Copping granted on March 10.

Dr. Ann McLaurin, traffic committee member, said of her vote to increase the fines, "The present fee is so low that it is not a deterrent. The feeling was the faculty members should get to

class on time and should have a place to park."

The vote, said Ferguson, non-voting chairman of the committee, rather than being made in person, was done through a series of letters. According to Ferguson's secretary, the two student members, Derek Mitchell and Lee Morris, were informed of the proposal and voted.

But, said McLaurin, even though the students voted, "They may never have attended a meeting."

She added, "I don't know who they are because I can't recall them being there."

Both Mitchell and Morris were unavailable for comment.

McLaurin said the committee considered students' concerns in their decision.

"We did unanimously vote for it," McLaurin said, "and that includes students."

"I am sensitive," she added, "to students' desires to park close to the buildings and realize

they need to get to class on time too."

But Ferguson said, "On any day of the week, there are at least 100 vacant parking places on campus. There is ample parking on campus but there's not ample parking at the front door of each building. We want to cut down on tickets. We want to cut down on violations. We hope this will do it."

Other campus traffic violations, though, remain unaddressed by the committee. For example, McLaurin said that Fabia Thomas, vice chancellor of administration, was injured recently by a student speeding in the Bronson Hall lot.

"People do speed out here," she added.

And she said they haven't discussed "vultures," students who block the parking lot lanes waiting for a premium parking space.

Overlease, on speeders, said, "We don't have a radar-equipped

car. We don't even have the money for it. That's why we don't give speeding tickets."

And Overlease said campus police can ask "vultures" to pull over and give them citations for blocking traffic.

But about the increased parking fines, he said, "It wasn't our idea. We're not here to harass the students, we're here to help them."

Overlease said he's not planning a crackdown on violators next fall, but added that, at the beginning of any semester, "It's nothing to write 100 tickets a day."

After that, he said, students learn the parking regulations and the number of tickets given declines.

Revenue from the increased fines, Ferguson said, will go into LSUS' general fund to pay faculty, janitorial staff, travel expenses and other costs.

Move your car

By KRISTI SHUPP
Staff Writer

Recently, students who park in the administration parking lot have been asked, much to their chagrin, to move their cars.

According to William Ferguson, associate vice chancellor of business affairs, the new policy is being implemented to save slots for visitors, administrative workers and students who intend to use the administration building.

Ferguson said the policy will also eliminate the potential safety hazard posed by students parking on the curb.

The problem began at the start of the fall semester but was not acted upon until this semester, said Ferguson, adding that the decision came through the administration with the approval of the chancellor and all vice chancellors.

"It wasn't anything that was done on the spur-of-the-moment," Ferguson said.

The plan is to have high security at the beginning of the semester to get students in the habit of parking in an orderly fashion, said Ferguson. The campus police are most highly concentrated in parking lots early in the morning. Ferguson said the purpose of traffic regulations is to insure safety, not to harass students.

Ann Salvucci, public relations major, thinks the new policy is



Claude Overlease: Ready to write tickets. photo by Woodrow Evans

"ridiculous... They already have enough parking for the teachers and visitors."

Salvucci said even before she attempted to park her car, campus security pulled her over and told her she had to leave the parking lot.

Sergeant Claude Overlease, university police, said, "(The students) are welcome to park in that lot when they're there to conduct business." But, if the student is there to go to class, he should be prepared to be asked by security to move his car. However, Overlease said that usually, just the presence of campus security discourages students from parking in the lot.

Despite these measures, Marilyn Hardy, admissions and records analyst, says that she hasn't noticed a difference in the number of slots available on the

parking lot. "As a person that comes to work at 10 in the morning, once a month, I can't say I have."

BRIEFS

Mathematical Terms

Last Thursday, April 27, 64 LSUS students, staff and friends of LSUS began a heated battle of wits (or was it vision?) to find 36 mathematical terms hidden among a 27x32 array of letters.

The competition was so rough that nine people tied for first place. However, according to the rules of the game, ties were settled by a random throw of dice (better facilitated by a random pull of nine playing cards).

The top nine winners (in order from first to ninth place) were: Earl Marsh, Casey Garrard, Sarah Laurenson, Randy James, Tammy Alford, Aubrey Hullaby III, Nicola Payton, Ursula Dossett and Kim Hatchett.

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Faculty eyes greener pastures

LILY DIZON
Editor

Recent economic hard times in Shreveport and LSUS forced at least two faculty members to re-evaluate their situations and accept job offers elsewhere.

Still at least two other professors, though they have not officially accepted other jobs, are scoping for new opportunities and do not rule out the possibility of packing up their belongings and heading toward greener pastures.

communications professor, taught on campus for 21 years and during those years she heard the words "budget cuts" many times, she

said.

Yet when those words resurfaced this week, due to the failure of Gov. Buddy Roemer's tax proposal, Handford feels she's had enough. "I'm sick of it. This is the final blow."

Handford said she will definitely leave LSUS; she just doesn't know when. "Financially, it's better for me to leave as soon as I can," she said.

Dr. Jim Walker, management and marketing professor, does know when he's leaving. Moorehead State University in Minnesota offered him a position last month and he has accepted.

Walker said his decision was based on the poor economic

status of Shreveport and not LSUS' money problems. However, "From the standpoint of salary...I'll be making around \$10,000 more," he said.

Though Walker's decision to leave came before the failure of the tax proposal, he felt his job offer appeared at an opportune time because "I don't have to go through the uncertainty of what will happen to us (the faculty)," he said.

Walker's colleague in the business department, Dr. Clarence Adams, also has been lured away by a better employment offer. Adams accepted a position at Arkansas College in March, a decision he said was

prompted by many factors. He has a chance to head the business department at "a college that offers lots of opportunity for growth," he said, adding that another influencing factor was he will receive a salary increase.

Adams has been with LSUS since 1981 and predicts that "the university will face several years of constraint budgets. Therefore, it doesn't have a chance to grow any time soon," he said.

He feels the job acceptance's "timing was fortunate" due to the failure of Amendment One, adding that he has no regrets about ever being a part of LSUS.

Dr. Charles Johnson, math professor, waits for the day when his daughter graduates from high school so he can teach elsewhere.

Johnson has been with LSUS since 1967 and his "whole life's blood is in this school," he said. However, "I would leave if the opportunity presents itself and if I find an equivalent position somewhere else more stable in Louisiana," he added.

Johnson likes LSUS, he said, because his "working conditions are great...The only drawback is the paycheck."

Johnson's only complaint against LSUS is that it does "not put teaching first," he said, placing the blame on "the present administrators."

"If I can find a university that wants me for my qualifications...I would not hesitate to leave," he added.

Dial 'D' for disconnect

By LILY DIZON
Editor

Last Friday, LSUS was temporarily cut off from the rest of the world, and except for one or two disgruntled faculty members, no one regretted the disconnection one iota.

Early that morning, campus personnel noticed immediately that their phone lines were not working. According to R.G. Singleton, director of purchasing, there was a "fuse burn-out and a circuit pack burn-up" in the main switch the night before.

So, while the office of purchasing got A T & T to come identify the problem, departmental secretaries and office workers said they were left to enjoy their monumental "peace and quiet."

"They can tear (the phones) off any day," said Janie Slusher, who works in the College of Administration and Business Department. "We got more done than any other Friday morning in memory."

The dean of the college, Dr. Lawrence Clark, didn't even know the lines were down as he "was home working on (his) computer," he said.

Juanel Votaw, secretary of College of Liberal Arts, didn't quite want to tear the phones off but the rare period of quietness gave her a chance to complete some filing, she said. "I had thoroughly enjoyed it. There were no interruptions and with it being Friday, it was timed perfectly," she added.

Communicating with other secretaries on campus could have been achieved via her office computer, Votaw said, had she the inclination to do so.

Another secretary who used the computer as her mode of conversation was Pamela Crain, the



Pam Crain got her phone back.

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chancellor's secretary.

However, Crain used another method of relaying messages to other personnel, she said. "We walked (them). Instead of calling like we normally do, we delivered messages and work in person."

Crain acknowledged that not having a phone was somewhat inconvenient but she took the opportunity to "get caught up with paper work," she said, adding, "It was a good day for it to happen but I don't want it to happen again."

Acting Chancellor Wilfred Guerin was in Baton Rouge Friday for a meeting and was not aware of the phone lines being down, he said.

Unlike Crain who thought Friday was "a good day" for Ma Bell to fail, Patti Kelly, secretary of the English department, said, though she appreciated the less-hecked pace, Friday was "not a good day for this to happen" because that is one of the office's busiest days.

The secretaries were not the only ones who noticed their offices were different without the insistent ringings of a phone.

Dr. Charlotte Handford, com-

munications professor, was very much aware of it. But, she had different reactions. "It (was) terrible," she said. "Students and faculty members call me a lot and I also sometimes use it for personal reasons."

Also, "It's the psychological aspect of not having the phone (that really poses the problem). I worry about an emergency," she added.

Other professors, however, did not experience any major problem with not being able to dial a number or answer a ring, some of them said.

For Dr. Carl Smolinski, accounting professor, it did not make a noticeable difference he said, because "most students I see are on campus. Therefore, I do not get that many phone calls."

Dr. Laura Morrow, English professor, was on campus Friday, but she was not aware there was a problem with the phones, she said.

The phone lines were restored a little after 11 a.m. The secretaries' respite ended and business returned as usual on campus.

Close...

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they did not learn anything new.

"We came together knowing nothing but what we read from the papers," said Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor of student affairs, "and we left knowing nothing."

And because of this lack of knowledge, Raines said she doesn't want to speculate on anything because, "To try and react would be premature. It's a mistake to start speculating."

Raines, however, did say she was "optimistic about the Legislature," and feels it will do the "right thing" when it reconvenes.

Like Raines, Dr. Ann McLaurin, co-dean of liberal arts college, did not think the meeting offered any new profound knowledge. Yet, she believes the possibility of the status of LSUS as a four-year institution being reduced to that of a two-year one "is ridiculous," she said.

Dr. Ronald Byrd, dean of the education college, feels that rumors and "rumors of possibilities" should be discarded, he said.

"It's counterproductive to deal with all these rumors going around....There's a public panic (concerning) 'what if this, what if that.' I'm not going to think about the 'what ifs,'" Byrd said.

Byrd's feeling of the crisis at

LSUS is that of "cautious optimism," he said. "We will continue to have the same programs and faculty...It will not be so severe as to curtail hiring and recruitments...We can't get caught up in the gloom and doom."

Despite Byrd's optimism, Dr. Jimmie Smith, vice president of the Faculty Senate, said he's aware of low faculty morale at this point. "There are some (professors), who have not enough time invested in the LSU system, may very well pick up and leave," he said. "And I can understand why."

Guerin said he understands the faculty's dissatisfaction with the economic state of Shreveport and specifically, LSUS.

In an attempt to let the faculty know that LSUS is trying to deal with the problems resulting from the budget cuts, Guerin had invited some local legislators to campus Wednesday to discuss what can and should be done, he said.

"They (the faculty) need to understand that we are trying to deal with the situation as best we can," Guerin said.

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Malone: The man from home

By KEN KURIGER
Sports Editor

With the elimination of the Mailman and the Chief, the lone representatives of northern Louisiana in the NBA playoffs are Natchitoches Joe and Mansfield O. But what representatives they are.

Joe Dumars, three years removed from McNeese State, has blossomed into one of pro basketball's premier scoring guards. He averaged 17.2 points, 5.7 assists, shot 51 percent from the field and made 85 percent of his free throws in helping the Pistons to an NBA best 63-19 record. More importantly, he

kept Detroit from missing a beat while filling in at point guard for the injured Isiah Thomas.

Many basketball writers consider Dumars the key in the Pistons' drive to the first championship in their history. If Joe's on, Detroit rarely loses.

In Los Angeles, Orlando Woolridge appears to have been successful in his comeback from drug rehabilitation. In his first year as a Laker, Woolridge helped ease the loss of Kurt Rambis and the diminished effectiveness of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. The O provided power off the bench for Pat Riley and fit nicely into the two-time defending champs' running scheme.

As for Karl Malone and

Robert Parish, their respective early vacations at home in Dallas and Boston seem a shame.

All Malone did was finish second in league scoring and fifth in rebounding, as Utah held off Akeem's Rockets to win the Midwest Division. But the Jazz appeared to stop grooving in midseason following the resignation of their eccentric head coach, Frank "I'm trying to be as fat and funny as DeLuise" Layden.

When the overnight express Golden State Warriors landed at the Salt Palace last week, the Mailman's season was all but post-dated.

The Chief also shouldered a huge load this season for Birdless Boston. Parish ended the year third in the league in rebounding and field goal percentage and averaged 18.6 points. In his 13th NBA season, he proved he's still in the elite company of Olajuwon and Patrick Ewing as one of the league's top three centers. As for his stoic countenance, I have yet to see a match for the Chief's game face.

Unfortunately, the game faces of Joe Kleine, Brian Shaw and the

other inexperienced Celtics were no match for Dumars' Pistons, as Detroit's full-court assault dismantled Boston in straight sets in the first round of the playoffs.

So, Malone and Parish will look back on 1988-89 as a good year, individually. Woolridge will be thankful regardless of what happens to the Lakers. And Natchitoches Joe will look forward to a night in October, when the Pistons will receive their world championship rings.

Boler 1st; Jerome 3rd in state tournament

By KEN KURIGER
Sports Editor

LSUS student Keith Boler shot a three-over 74 on Saturday to the 1989 Louisiana State Intramurals Golf Tournament at Shreveport's Querbes Course.

Boler and Kevin Jerome represented 40 percent of the field, as only three other golfers — two from Northeast and one from McNeese State — entered the event. Jerome wasn't pleased with his 80, but it proved good enough to earn him third place.

Having played at Querbes for nearly 10 years, Boler had an experience edge, at least over the three out-of-town golfers.

I've played there since I was

twelve so, yes, I was confident," he said. His confidence isn't unfounded.

The junior finance major won a golf scholarship at Northwestern State coming out of high school and also golfed for Bossier Parish Community College. Two weeks ago, he finished second in the Holiday in Dixie Tournament's first flight.

During Saturday's front nine, play remained conservative, as the golfers tried to avoid early catastrophe. In fact, there were only three birdies in the combined 45 first holes played. Everyone was within four shots of Boler, who had a 37 at the turn.

While Boler plodded along,

Jerome began to go for the green aggressively. He attributed the attacking style to his success with his irons.

"I shot pretty well from on the course, but basically, I hooked myself out of contention," Jerome said, referring to his woes off the tee. "The course is in great shape and the greens are excellent. I just could have drove and putted better."

Actually, Jerome made a minor run at Boler in the early stages of the back nine. He parred 11 and birdied the treacherous twelfth, famed for its Scottish-like elevated green. But he shot four over the rest of the way and Boler stayed consistent enough to snare the title.

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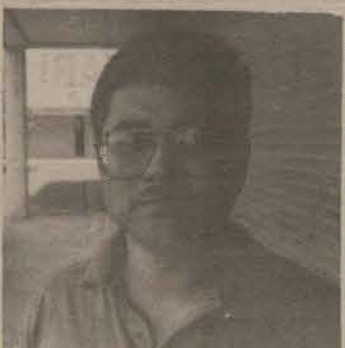
Brett L. Parra
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"Set my hair on fire and run naked through the UC."



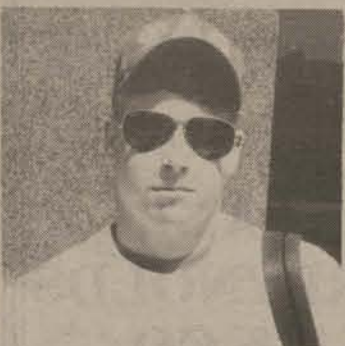
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Biology, Senior

"Practice writing 'Jeffrey S. LeBlanc, D.D.S.'"



William J. Trowell,
CSC, Junior

"I'll be going to Nashville, TN for vacation."



Lynn Borel
Public Relations,
Junior

"Drink heavily of malted beverages."



Sheryl Thomas
Secondary Education
(Biology), Senior

"Spend time with my kids."

Drinking out of 'D' cups

By KEVAN SMITH
Staff Writer

The saloon doors swung open, and in from the hot sun stepped "Gentleman" Jim McCrery, Fourth District congressman, spurs a-janglin and chaps a-rustlin'.

Behind him, sycophantic polyester lobbyist Alfred Naugahyde sidled in. "You'll like this place, Jim. Quite cosmopolitan."

"Bartender," Jim bellowed as he moseyed to a small booth near the dimly lit stage, "Give me a beer—two of 'em. In the biggest cups you got. It's lonely on the Hill."

Soon the multi-colored disco strobes and whooping dance music would begin, and McCrery anticipated the night, a chance to unwind, to drop the puritanical Eagle Posse facade and party like an egg-sucking dog. Looked like there would be dancers too, for the music started and an announcer took the stage.

"Gentlemen, please welcome to the Dollhouse for your artistic

pleasure, all the way from Abilene, Texas, a lady with talents as big as the prairie—Miss Kitty Salsa."

Miss Kitty arrived and Jim's mouth dropped. Clad in a blue polyester bikini, she was a tanned goddess. Something about her cleavage, though, reminded Jim of his colleague Ron Dellums' head. She started to dance.

Turning to the sound of whistles, Jim saw that Naugahyde had been joined by several of his fellow lobbyists. One asked, "Hey, I know you, you're—you're..."

Still impressed, he answered, "Ron Dellums." He turned to watch Kitty.

Her movement was slow and graceless but she compensated with maximum exposure. Toward the end, she took off her bikini top, swung it in the air, then threw it to the bartender.

The bartender quickly held the bikini's two massive cups under the tap, filling each with a frothy dose of Budweiser before he sent it to Jim's seat.

"Hey, what's this?" Jim ask-

ed.

"You wanted the biggest cup in the house," said the waitress.

"Fair enough."

With two massive draughts, he drained the beers. The lobbyists stared in appreciation. "Ron! Ron! Ron!" they chanted.

Naugahyde took the bra and put it on Jim's head. "Laissez les bon temos rouler. Je vous couronne de roi des bousms."

Jim looked sheepish sitting with a bra on his head, but he managed to smile. The beer went to his brain and he turned giddy.

He removed the bra, stood up then began a little dance of his own. "I'm a macho cowboy," he sang to himself, "not a swishy mama's boy. It's good for my image when I drink the vintage..."

Then a white strobe flashed, momentarily blinding the congressman. He blinked and saw a short, dowdy woman in front of him.

"Excuse me," she said, "I'm Suzy Smart from the Roll Call. Aren't you Jim McCrery, representative from Louisiana?"

Jim's song suddenly changed. "The party's over..."

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE SPRING 1989

EXAM DATE	Tues. May 9	Wed. May 10	Thurs. May 11	Fri. May 12	Mon. May 15
EXAM TIME					
8:00 am	9:10 TT	9 MWF	7:45 TT	8 MWF	7 MWF
10:30 am	11:15 TT	12 MWF		11MWF	10 MWF
1:00 pm	2:05 TT		12:40 TT	2 MWF	1 MWF
3:00 pm		4 MWF	3:30 TT	3 MWF	
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7:00 pm	6:30 Tu 8:00 TT	6:30 MW 6:30 W	6:30 TT 6:30 Th		6:30 M 8:00 MW

NOTE: Any class time not listed on this schedule would have the exam time of the closest hour. Example: 12:30 MW would have the same exam as 12:00 MWF, 10:30 am on May 10, 1989.

FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

1. Each examination is scheduled for a two hour period.
2. Examinations in science laboratories, HPE activity courses and Military Science will be given at the last class meeting.
3. A student with 3 or more exams in one day may petition through his/her Academic Dean to take only 2 exams on the same day.
4. Saturday class exams will be given on May 13 at the regularly-scheduled class time.